

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

This is a very unusual day for the Church. Two gospels are proclaimed today: one before Mass begins and another at the regular time during Mass. Why *two* gospels?

A hint to the answer is that this Sunday has several names. The first is **Palm Sunday**. Sometimes it is called Passion Sunday, and then again, Palm "hyphen" Passion Sunday. This is a Sunday of extreme contrasts. It begins with great joy as Jesus enters into Jerusalem on an ass, as long predicted by the prophets. But, soon our joy will turn to much sadness as we read together the Passion.

Why such contrasts on *this* Sunday? The answer lies in what happens during the rest of this week and in how many of these liturgies we will participate. This is the holiest week in the Church year, hence the name Holy Week. And it all leads up to Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, which was called by St. Augustine, "The mother of all sacred vigils." If we do not return until Easter Sunday, we will not hear the Passion on Good Friday. This is the reason we proclaim the Passion today so that everyone will remember that Jesus suffered for us before he rose from the dead on Easter.

The three days of **Holy Thursday**, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil are called the triduum [*tri-juum*]. Each of these days gets us deeper into Jesus' Passion, which we just read. On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrate the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and I wash the feet of parishioners, as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. At this Mass, sufficient Eucharist is consecrated for communion on Good Friday when a Mass will not be celebrated. After Holy Thursday Mass, the Eucharist is solemnly transferred and is available for adoration. After Mass, the altar is stripped of everything.

**Good Friday** begins; the Eucharist is removed from the tabernacle, leaving it empty to represent Jesus' absence after his death. Good Friday solemn liturgy takes place in the afternoon. We hear the Liturgy of the Word and participate in the passion account from St. John. Next we venerate the cross, the wood on which our Savior died. We end by receiving Holy Communion using the extra Eucharist from Holy Thursday.

Finally, on Saturday evening, we can truly participate in the risen Lord at **Easter Vigil**. We go beyond the burial that ends today's liturgy by

proclaiming that "He's alive!" Come to the Triduum and deepen your

faith in Jesus by experiencing him in new ways. The Passion that we just read together certainly should have affected your comfort zone. The Son of God underwent agony in the garden, betrayal, trial, sentencing, desertion by his disciples, mocking, crucifixion, and finally death.

Come join the **Easter Vigil** and profess your faith aloud with the centurion, who stayed to the end, and say, "**Truly, this was the Son of God!**"

(Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

## Mass for the Intentions Week

### Monday, April 6

Jovis Pan-ganiban .  
req Jolly Parsons  
Aleykutty Augustine  
req Joy Augustine and Family

### Tuesday, April 7

Jovis Pan-ganiban  
req Jolly Parsons  
Lolita Salazar  
req Yaying and Friends  
Aleykutty Augustine  
req Joy Augustine and family

### Wednesday, April 8

All souls of relatives  
req Kim Anh Phan

### Thursday, April 9

All souls in purgatory  
req Kim Anh Phan

### Friday, April 10

Joanico Migamo  
req Migamo Family

### Saturday, April 11

Magdalene McLaughlin  
req Williams Family

### Sunday, April 12

**St. Charles Garnier Parish Community**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, all public services are cancelled. However, Fr. Saju will continue to celebrate Mass privately and pray for all your intentions during this time. The office is also closed. You may leave your message. The voice mail will be checked periodically. You can make mass offerings for your intentions through the phone and send a cheque to St. Charles Garnier through the Canada Post or later date give it in person. Please stay safe.



**COME, LORD JESUS! Bible Study**

If interested, contact Fr. Saju. by [email-soreethap@gmail.com](mailto:soreethap@gmail.com)

**ST. CHARLES PRAYER GROUP**

Fr. Saju likes to meet with all those who want to support the extended hours of adoration and form a prayer group ministry in our parish.. A meeting will be scheduled at a future date. "The prayer of a righteous man pierce the heavens." (James 5:16)

Please visit our website at [www.stcharlesgarnier.com](http://www.stcharlesgarnier.com) for more information and announcement.

**April 5 is Palm Sunday, which marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is also the beginning of Holy Week.**

**Holy Week**

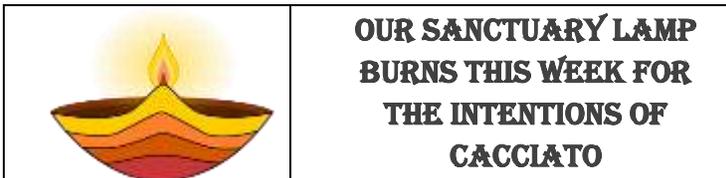
Holy Week is the week which precedes the great feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday – it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance to Jerusalem.

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum**

Through this Paschal Mystery, the Lord Jesus redeemed the human race and gave perfect glory to the Father. By dying, Christ destroyed our death; by rising, he restored our life. For this reason, the Easter Triduum, when we celebrate the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord, is the high point of the liturgical year. The Easter solemnity is to the year what Sunday is to the week.

**Paschal Fast**

The Church of God fasts on Friday of the Passion of the Lord and Holy Saturday to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of His resurrection.



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP  
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**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns continually in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in our Church. You may dedicate our Sanctuary Lamp for a special prayer intention of yours or for a deceased loved one. We will publish the **Sanctuary Lamp Intentions** in the bulletin each week. Suggested donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is as follows:

- One Week - \$25
- One Month - \$100

Please call or see Flo in the parish office to request an intention or for more information.

***"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it."***

**John 1:5**